



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 428

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The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. KENNEDY of the 12th Dist. and SEN. MINER of the 30th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING POST-CONSUMER CONTENT FOR PLASTIC BOTTLES SOLD IN CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) The Commissioner of
2 Energy and Environmental Protection shall develop specific strategies
3 for achieving the state goal of having plastic beverage containers sold
4 in the state, regardless of size, contain not less than twenty-five per
5 cent post-consumer recycled plastic content by the year 2025. For
6 purposes of this section, "beverage container" means any plastic bottle,
7 can, jar or carton that contains beer or other malted beverages, mineral
8 waters, soda water and similar carbonated soft drinks in liquid form
9 and intended for human consumption, water, including flavored
10 water, nutritionally enhanced water, and any beverage that is
11 identified through the use of letters, words or symbols on such
12 beverage's product label as a type of water, juice, tea or sports drink.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	New section
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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to develop strategies for the composition of plastic beverage containers. There is no fiscal impact as DEEP has the expertise to handle this requirement.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 428*****AN ACT CONCERNING POST-CONSUMER CONTENT FOR PLASTIC BOTTLES SOLD IN CONNECTICUT.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the energy and environmental protection commissioner to develop specific strategies to achieve a state goal of having the plastic beverage containers sold in Connecticut be made of at least 25% post-consumer recycled plastic content by 2025. The bill provides that the goal applies to containers of any size.

Under the bill, a “beverage container” is any plastic bottle, can, jar, or carton that contains the following:

1. beer or other malt beverages;
2. mineral or soda waters and similar carbonated soft drinks in liquid form intended for human consumption;
3. water, including flavored or nutritionally enhanced waters; or
4. beverages identified as a type of water, juice, tea, or sports drink, by letters, words, or symbols on the product labels.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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